



HUBBARDSTON

Worcester County



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NARRATIVE

Narrative

The Town of Hubbardston is in the hill country of central Worcester County. The first European settlers were recorded in 1737, and the town's early economy was based on agriculture and small scale chair, boot and shoe manufacturing. Hubbardston was sympathetic to Shays Rebellion and one of the leaders of the rebellion, Captain Adam Wheeler, was from Hubbardston. Eighty men from the town marched to Worcester under Wheeler's command and took control of the courthouse to protest the widespread foreclosures and seizures of property by creditors that occurred during the cash poor 18th century.

The community is described by historians as being a poor town, sparsely settled and almost wholly agricultural, but having sawmills, potash works and cottage industries such as the making of palm leaf hats. By the 19th century, dairy and berry farming and market gardening were major pursuits in the town, and immigrants from Ireland, French Canada, England, Sweden and Russian Finland had moved into town to work with earlier settlers. Even in 1940, Hubbardston had a rural population of 55.9%, the second highest in the county.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Central Massachusetts, bordered by Gardner and Westminster on the northeast, Princeton and Rutland on the southeast, Barre on the southwest, and Phillipston and Templeton on the northwest. Hubbardston is 19 miles northwest of Worcester and 56 miles northwest of Boston.

Total Area: 41.95 sq. miles

Land Area: 41.03 sq. miles

Population: 2,797

Density: 68 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Barre Falls Dam Station)

Normal temperature in January.....20.0°F

Normal temperature in July.....67.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....42.1"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Barre, Wachusett Mt., Templeton, Gardner

Regional Planning Agency

Montachusett

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 928-5735

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1767

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	1,824		
Democrats	342	18.8	%
Republicans	300	16.4	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	1,182	64.8	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Hubbardston town, Worcester County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	3,909	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	3,909	100.0
Male.....	1,977	50.6	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	52	1.3
Female.....	1,932	49.4	Mexican.....	4	0.1
Under 5 years.....	293	7.5	Puerto Rican.....	19	0.5
5 to 9 years.....	373	9.5	Cuban.....	1	-
10 to 14 years.....	372	9.5	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	28	0.7
15 to 19 years.....	261	6.7	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	3,857	98.7
20 to 24 years.....	103	2.6	White alone.....	3,816	97.6
25 to 34 years.....	488	12.5	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	863	22.1	Total population.....	3,909	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	617	15.8	In households.....	3,887	99.4
55 to 59 years.....	170	4.3	Householder.....	1,308	33.5
60 to 64 years.....	98	2.5	Spouse.....	958	24.5
65 to 74 years.....	158	4.0	Child.....	1,361	34.8
75 to 84 years.....	88	2.3	Own child under 18 years.....	1,143	29.2
85 years and over.....	25	0.6	Other relatives.....	125	3.2
Median age (years).....	35.9	(X)	Under 18 years.....	45	1.2
18 years and over.....	2,694	68.9	Nonrelatives.....	135	3.5
Male.....	1,353	34.6	Unmarried partner.....	76	1.9
Female.....	1,341	34.3	In group quarters.....	22	0.6
21 years and over.....	2,588	66.2	Institutionalized population.....	10	0.3
62 years and over.....	327	8.4	Noninstitutionalized population.....	12	0.3
65 years and over.....	271	6.9	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	124	3.2	Total households.....	1,308	100.0
Female.....	147	3.8	Family households (families).....	1,071	81.9
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	573	43.8
One race.....	3,885	99.4	Married-couple family.....	958	73.2
White.....	3,846	98.4	With own children under 18 years.....	521	39.8
Black or African American.....	6	0.2	Female householder, no husband present.....	70	5.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	3	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	38	2.9
Asian.....	19	0.5	Nonfamily households.....	237	18.1
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	179	13.7
Chinese.....	3	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	59	4.5
Filipino.....	1	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	606	46.3
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	195	14.9
Korean.....	4	0.1	Average household size.....	2.97	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.28	(X)
Other Asian ¹	11	0.3	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	1,360	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	1,308	96.2
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	52	3.8
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	12	0.9
Some other race.....	11	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	24	0.6	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	7.4	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	1,308	100.0
White.....	3,866	98.9	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,195	91.4
Black or African American.....	13	0.3	Renter-occupied housing units.....	113	8.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	12	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.04	(X)
Asian.....	22	0.6	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.30	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-			
Some other race.....	19	0.5			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	0
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The principal highway is State Route 2, the old Mohawk Trail, which runs across northern Massachusetts. State Route 140 and Interstate 190 connect the region to Worcester. The Springfield Terminal Railway line (the former Boston and Maine Railroad) parallels Route 2 and provides access to the network of intermodal facilities serving central and eastern Massachusetts.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 62 going E-W and State Route 68 running N-S.

Rail

The Providence and Worcester Railroad provides freight rail service.
Contact number: (978) 755-4000 ext. 310

Bus

Hubbardston is a member of the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (MRTA). There is no fixed route service, but MRTA provides paratransit services to the elderly and disabled through the Council on Aging.

Other

The Worcester Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial (PR) facility with scheduled passenger service, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 5,500' and 6,999' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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